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Beginning of Residential Suites Expansion Celebrated May 28 at Cal Poly Pomona

POMONA, Calif. — May 19, 2008 — Cal Poly Pomona will soon expand its award-winning Residential Suites, which provide apartment-like living for residential students. The university will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Residential Suites Phase II project on Wednesday, May 28 at 1 p.m.

Campus leaders and those involved in the project will be in attendance to commemorate the groundbreaking and provide a preview of the new facility. Light food and refreshments will be provided after the ceremony, which includes comments from President J. Michael Ortiz; Vice President for Student Affairs Doug Freer; Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Christi Chisler and a representative from the architectural firm Sasaki Associates.

The physical start of construction on the Residential Suites Phase II is scheduled to begin June 16 and is expected to reach completion by summer 2010.

Phase II will build a complex of three student housing facilities and a commons facility, adding 255,500 square feet of space and providing for 622 beds in popular suite layouts. Each suite includes a living room, kitchenette area, bedrooms, full-size bathrooms, storage space, private patios/balconies, and every room is equipped with high-speed Internet and satellite television. Each building is also equipped with a two-story general student classroom, which includes a private conference room and mezzanine.

The first phase of the Residential Suites began opening its doors to students fall 2003. It won a 2005 Merit Award in *Residential Architecture Magazines'* Sixth Annual Design Awards. The suites also received an Award of Merit for Best Mid-Rise Apartment Project at the Pacific Coast Builders Conference 2005 Gold Nugget Competition. Sasaki Associates is the project architect. W.E. O'Neil Construction will be the project contractor. Suffolk will serve as the construction management company.

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